

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS  
EASTERN DIVISION**

LENNETH SUGGS, )  
vs. )  
Plaintiff, )  
vs. ) Case No.: 08 C 2635  
OFFICER CARROL #14575, OFFICER ) Judge Milton Shadur  
MCDERMOTT #3697, UNKNOWN )  
OFFICERS, and the CITY OF CHICAGO, ) Magistrate Judge Susan Cox  
Defendants. )

**DEFENDANT CITY OF CHICAGO'S ANSWER TO  
PLAINTIFF'S COMPLAINT AT LAW**

Defendant, City of Chicago ("City"), by its attorney, Terrence M. Burns of Dykema Gossett, PLLC, for its answer to plaintiff's complaint, states:

**JURISDICTION**

1. The jurisdiction of the court is invoked pursuant to the Civil Rights Act, 42 U.S.C. §1983; the Judicial Code, 28 U.S.C. §1331 and §1343(a); the Constitution of the United States; and this Court's supplementary jurisdiction powers.

**ANSWER:** Defendant City admits plaintiff's complaint includes claims that invoke the jurisdiction of this court. Defendant City denies any liability to plaintiff for any of the claims asserted in the complaint.

**PARTIES**

2. PLAINTIFF is a resident of the State of Illinois and of the United States.

**ANSWER:** Defendant City admits police reports indicate plaintiff gave a home address of Chicago, Illinois. Defendant City is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of any information provided by plaintiff. Defendant City is without

knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the remaining allegations contained in paragraph 2.

3. The DEFENDANT OFFICERS were at all times relevant hereto employed by and acting on behalf of the CITY OF CHICAGO.

**ANSWER:** Defendant City admits Defendant Officer Michael Carroll and Defendant Officer Douglas McDermott were employed by the Chicago Police Department on November 2, 2006, and they would have been acting as employees of the Chicago Police Department when performing the duties of their offices. Defendant City lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the remaining allegations contained in paragraph 3.

4. The CITY OF CHICAGO is a duly incorporated municipal corporation and is the employer and principal of the DEFENDANT OFFICERS as well as the other officers and/or employees referred to in this Complaint (as indicated in the *Monell* claim alleged herein). At all times material to this complaint, the DEFENDANT OFFICERS were acting under color of state law, ordinance and/or regulation, statutes, custom and usages of the CITY OF CHICAGO.

**ANSWER:** Defendant City admits it is a municipal corporation duly incorporated under the laws of the State of Illinois. Defendant City further admits that, on November 2, 2006, defendant Officers Carroll and McDermott were employees of the Chicago Police Department, and they would have been acting under color of law as employees of the Chicago Police Department in the performance of the lawful duties of their offices. Defendant City denies any liability to plaintiff pursuant to the claims asserted in his complaint. Defendant City lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the vague allegations contained in paragraph 4 concerning unnamed "other officers and/or employees." Defendant City denies any remaining allegations in paragraph 4 inconsistent with the foregoing.

### **FACTS**

5. On or about November 2, 2006, some or all of the DEFENDANT OFFICERS were engaged in an unreasonable seizure of the PLAINTIFF. This conduct violated the Fourth Amendment to the United States Constitution.

**ANSWER:** Defendant City lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the vague allegations contained in paragraph 5 concerning unnamed "other officers and/or employees." Based on police department reports, Defendant City denies the remaining allegations contained in paragraph 5.

6. On or about November 2, 2006, PLAINTIFF did not obstruct justice, resist arrest and/or batter and/or assault any of the DEFENDANT OFFICERS.

**ANSWER:** Based on police department reports, Defendant City denies the allegations contained in paragraph 6.

7. The show of force initiated by and/or the failure to intervene in the use of said force by the DEFENDANT OFFICERS caused an unreasonable seizure to the PLAINTIFF.

**ANSWER:** Based on police department reports, Defendant City denies the allegations contained in paragraph 7.

8. The DEFENDANT OFFICERS charged and/or participated in the charging of PLAINTIFF with criminal activity, and arrested, participated in the arrest and/or failed to prevent the arrest of the PLAINTIFF notwithstanding the fact that the DEFENDANT OFFICERS failed to observe and/or learn that PLAINTIFF had committed criminal activity of any sort. The DEFENDANT OFFICERS did not have probable cause to believe that criminal activity took place relative to the PLAINTIFF.

**ANSWER:** Defendant City admits Officers Carroll and McDermott participated in the arrest of plaintiff on November 2, 2006, and that plaintiff subsequently was charged with criminal activity. Defendant City denies the remaining allegations contained in paragraph 8.

9. On November 2, 2006, PLAINTIFF had not committed an act contrary to the laws of the State of Illinois.

**ANSWER:** Based on police department reports, Defendant City denies the allegations contained in paragraph 9.

10. As a direct and proximate result of one or more of the aforesaid acts or omissions of the DEFENDANT OFFICERS, PLAINTIFF was caused to suffer damages.

**ANSWER:** Based on police department reports, Defendant City denies the allegations contained in paragraph 10.

11. On or about November 2, 2006, the DEFENDANT OFFICERS were on duty at all times relevant to this complaint and were duly appointed police officers for the CITY OF CHICAGO. The DEFENDANT OFFICERS engaged in the conduct complained of, on said date, in the course and scope of employment and while on duty. This action is being brought with regard to the individual capacity of the DEFENDANT OFFICERS.

**ANSWER:** Defendant City admits defendant Officers Carroll and McDermott have been sued in their individual capacities. Defendant City admits Officers Carroll and McDermott were employed as police officers by the Chicago Police Department on and around November 2, 2006. Defendant City admits that on November 2, 2006, Officers Carroll and McDermott were on duty as police officers, and their participation in the lawful arrest of plaintiff would have been within the course and scope of their employment. Defendant City denies Officers Carroll and McDermott were on duty “at all times relevant to this complaint.” To the extent any remaining allegations in paragraph 11 are inconsistent with the foregoing, Defendant City denies those allegations.

12. Upon information and belief, OFFICER CARROL #14575, on November 2, 2006, came into physical contact with PLAINTIFF.

**ANSWER:** Defendant City admits Officer Carroll was assigned Star #14575 on November 2, 2006. Defendant City is without knowledge or information as to the meaning of the vague term “physical contact” as used by plaintiff in paragraph 12, and it therefore lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of those allegations. Defendant City admits Officer Carroll participated in the arrest of plaintiff on November 2, 2006. Defendant City denies any remaining allegations contained in paragraph 12 inconsistent with the foregoing.

13. Upon information and belief, OFFICER MCDERMOTT #3697, on November 2, 2006, came into physical contact with PLAINTIFF.

**ANSWER:** Defendant City admits Officer McDermott was assigned Star #3697 on November 2, 2006. Defendant City is without knowledge or information as to the meaning of the vague term "physical contact" as used by plaintiff in paragraph 13, and it therefore lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of those allegations. Defendant City admits Officer McDermott participated in the arrest of plaintiff on November 2, 2006. Defendant City denies any remaining allegations contained in paragraph 13 inconsistent with the foregoing.

14. Upon information and belief, UNKNOWN OFFICERS, on November 2, 2006, came into physical contact with PLAINTIFF.

**ANSWER:** Defendant City is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the vague allegations contained in paragraph 14 concerning unnamed or "unknown" officers. Further, Defendant City is without knowledge or information as to the meaning of the vague term "physical contact" as used by plaintiff in paragraph 14, and it therefore lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of those allegations.

### CONSPIRACY

15. Some or all of the DEFENDANT OFFICERS conspired to cause damage to PLAINTIFF in the following manner:

- a. agreeing to falsely arrest and/or falsely institute criminal charges/proceedings against the PLAINTIFF;
- b. using excessive force and/or failing to intervene in the use of excessive force against the PLAINTIFF;
- c. agreeing not to report each other after witnessing and/or using excessive force relative to the PLAINTIFF;
- d. agreeing not to report each other after falsely arresting and/or charging PLAINTIFF; and

- e. generating false documentation to cover-up for their own and each other's misconduct.

**ANSWER:** Defendant City denies the allegations contained in paragraph 15, including subparagraphs (a) through (e), inclusive, and each of them.

16. In connection with the above conspiracy, the DEFENDANT OFFICERS specifically engaged in communication on or about November 2, 2006 until October 15, 2007, whereby the DEFENDANT OFFICERS agreed to facilitate, engage in and support the activity which occurred in connection with the allegations immediately above. As a result of this conspiracy, the DEFENDANT OFFICERS, by and through their conduct, proximately caused PLAINTIFF to, *inter alia*, suffer injury, be charged with criminal allegations, incur financial loss, including attorneys' fees, and suffer emotionally.

**ANSWER:** Defendant City denies the allegations contained in paragraph 16.

### **EQUAL PROTECTION**

17. The actions of the DEFENDANT OFFICERS, in engaging in the above referenced cover-up, which led to the generation of false documentation and criminal charges to be lodged against PLAINTIFF, demonstrate that the DEFENDANT OFFICERS failed in their duty to enforce the laws equally and fairly towards the PLAINTIFF, therefore violating the Equal Protection Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution.

**ANSWER:** Defendant City denies the allegations contained in paragraph 17.

18. With regard to an Equal Protection Claim, PLAINTIFF was a "Class of One." In that regard, PLAINTIFF was treated with ill will and/or discriminated against with no rational basis. PLAINTIFF was intentionally treated differently as a result of having a potential claim and witnessing police misconduct attributable to the DEFENDANT OFFICERS. The DEFENDANT OFFICERS acted with discriminatory intent by treating PLAINTIFF differently and trying to cause further injury to PLAINTIFF by generating false evidence against PLAINTIFF. Further, PLAINTIFF was similarly situated to other individuals involved in incidents with police officers that were not the victims of police misconduct and/or potential claimants against Police Officers.

**ANSWER:** Defendant City denies the allegations contained in paragraph 18.

### **MONELL ALLEGATIONS**

19. It is the custom, practice and/or policy of police officers and/or their supervisors/agents and/or other employees of the CITY OF CHICAGO to perform the following acts and/or omissions:

- a. generate false documentation to cover-up for the misconduct of fellow police officers;

- b. engage in acts of false arrest, fabrication of evidence, malicious prosecution, misrepresentation of facts, significant intrusions to the body of innocent citizens, excessive force, and/or serious acts of violence;
- c. fail to properly discipline officers from said police department who have committed act(s) of false arrest, fabrication of evidence, malicious prosecution, misrepresentation of facts, significant intrusions to the body of innocent citizens, excessive force, and/or serious acts of violence;
- d. fail to properly investigate a complaint of false arrest, fabrication of evidence, malicious prosecution, misrepresentation of facts, significant intrusions to the body of innocent citizens, excessive force, and/or serious acts of violence perpetrated by a CITY OF CHICAGO police officer upon another;
- e. fail to take proper remedial action against a CITY OF CHICAGO police officer once it is determined that an act of false arrest, fabrication of evidence, malicious prosecution, misrepresentation of facts, significant intrusions to the body of innocent citizens, excessive force, and/or serious acts of violence has been committed by said officer upon another;
- f. allow misconduct to occur in various types and severity such that police officers believe that they can engage in false arrest, fabrication of evidence, malicious prosecution, misrepresentation of facts, significant intrusions to the body of innocent citizens, excessive force, and/or serious acts of violence without repercussions and/or significant repercussions;
- g. fail to provide adequate sanctions/discipline to officers who commit false arrest, fabrication of evidence, malicious prosecution, misrepresentation of facts, significant intrusions to the body of innocent citizens, excessive force, and/or serious acts of violence, such that a permissive atmosphere exists among officers wherein they believe that they will not be disciplined (or significantly disciplined) for engaging in such behavior;
- h. fail to provide adequate sanctions/discipline to officers who falsify police reports, investigations and/or internal investigations, causing said officers to believe that they can manufacture evidence which will cause them to not be disciplined or significantly disciplined for engaging in illegal behavior, *inter alia* false arrest, fabrication of evidence, malicious prosecution, misrepresentation of facts, significant intrusions to the body of innocent citizens, excessive force, and/or serious acts of violence;
- i. fail to provide adequate sanctions/discipline to officers who falsify police reports, investigations and/or internal investigations, causing said officers to believe that they can manufacture evidence which will cause them to not be disciplined or significantly disciplined for engaging in behavior

which violates the rules, policies and/or procedures of the CITY OF CHICAGO police department;

- j. fail to properly investigate officers who falsify police reports, investigations and/or internal investigations, causing said officers to believe that they can manufacture evidence which will cause them to not be disciplined or significantly disciplined for engaging in behavior which violates the rules, policies and/or procedures of the CITY OF CHICAGO police department;
- k. fail to take proper remedial measures to prevent and/or correct officers who falsify police reports, investigations and/or internal investigations, causing said officers to believe that they can manufacture evidence which will cause them to not be disciplined or significantly disciplined for engaging in illegal behavior, *inter alia* false arrest, fabrication of evidence, malicious prosecution, misrepresentation of facts, significant intrusions to the body of innocent citizens, excessive force, and/or serious acts of violence;
- l. fail to take proper remedial measures to prevent and/or correct officers who falsify police reports, investigations and/or internal investigations, causing said officers to believe that they can manufacture evidence which will cause them to not be disciplined or significantly disciplined for engaging in behavior which violates the rules, policies and/or procedures of the CITY OF CHICAGO police department;
- m. fail to properly investigate officers who commit acts of false arrest, fabrication of evidence, malicious prosecution, misrepresentation of facts, significant intrusions to the body of innocent citizens, excessive force, and/or serious acts of violence, such that a permissive atmosphere exists among officers wherein they believe that they will not be disciplined (or significantly disciplined) for engaging in misconduct with citizens;
- n. fail to take proper remedial action with officers who commit acts of false arrest, fabrication of evidence, malicious prosecution, misrepresentation of facts, significant intrusions to the body of innocent citizens, excessive force, and/or serious acts of violence, such that a permissive atmosphere exists among officers wherein they believe that they will not be disciplined (or significantly disciplined) for engaging in misconduct with citizens; and
- o. fail to provide proper training to prevent officers from falsifying police reports, falsely charging innocent citizens, committing acts of false arrest, fabrication of evidence, malicious prosecution, misrepresentation of facts, significant intrusions to the body of innocent citizens, excessive force, and/or serious acts of violence, and violating the rules, policies and procedures of the CITY OF CHICAGO police department.

**ANSWER:** Defendant City denies the allegations contained in paragraph 19, including subparagraphs (a) through (o), inclusive, and each of them.

20. This practice and/or custom, as alleged above, has gone unchecked and been allowed to exist in the CITY OF CHICAGO for a significant period of time, so much so, that police officers for the CITY OF CHICAGO recognize that they will not be punished for committing said acts and that, in fact, said acts are either permitted or quietly consented to by superior officers of the CITY OF CHICAGO police department in order to permit said conduct to re-occur.

**ANSWER:** Defendant City denies the allegations contained in paragraph 20.

21. A code of silence exists between officers of the Defendant Municipality. This code of silence obstructs the legal process (preventing the free flow of honest information with regard to acts of misconduct). This code of silence contributes to the generation of secrets, in the department, regarding police officer misconduct.

**ANSWER:** Defendant City denies the allegations contained in paragraph 21.

**COUNT I**  
**§1983 Excessive Force**

The City of Chicago is not a party defendant from which plaintiff seeks relief in count I. The City therefore does not answer or respond to the allegations in this count except to the extent plaintiff re-alleges and incorporates certain paragraphs in later counts against the City.

22. PLAINTIFF re-alleges paragraphs 1 - 21 as though fully set forth herein.

**ANSWER:** Defendant City adopts and restates its answers and responses to paragraphs 1 through 21 as and for its answer and response to paragraph 22 as though fully set forth herein.

23. The actions, and/or the failure to intervene in the actions, of the DEFENDANT OFFICERS amounted to an excessive use of force onto PLAINTIFF. This conduct violates the Fourth Amendment of the United States Constitution.

**ANSWER:** Defendant City denies the allegations contained in paragraph 23.

24. The aforementioned actions of the DEFENDANT OFFICERS were the direct and proximate cause of the constitutional violations set forth above.

**ANSWER:** Defendant City denies the allegations contained in paragraph 24.

**COUNT II**  
**§1983 False Arrest**

The City of Chicago is not a party defendant from which plaintiff seeks relief in count II. The City therefore does not answer or respond to the allegations in this count except to the extent plaintiff re-alleges and incorporates certain paragraphs in later counts against the City.

25. PLAINTIFF re-alleges paragraphs 1 - 21 as though fully set forth herein.

**ANSWER:** Defendant City adopts and restates its answers and responses to paragraphs 1 through 21 as and for its answer and response to paragraph 25 as though fully set forth herein.

26. The actions of the DEFENDANT OFFICERS caused the arrest of the PLAINTIFF without probable cause to believe that PLAINTIFF committed criminal activity. Therefore, the conduct of the DEFENDANT OFFICERS was in violation of the Fourth Amendment to the United States Constitution.

**ANSWER:** Defendant City denies the allegations contained in paragraph 26.

27. The aforementioned actions of the DEFENDANT OFFICERS were the direct and proximate cause of the Constitutional violations set forth above.

**ANSWER:** Defendant City denies the allegations contained in paragraph 27.

**COUNT III**  
**Malicious Prosecution - State Claim**

The City of Chicago is not a party defendant from which plaintiff seeks relief in count III. The City therefore does not answer or respond to the allegations in this count except to the extent plaintiff re-alleges and incorporates certain paragraphs in later counts against the City.

28. PLAINTIFF re-alleges paragraphs 1 - 21 as though fully set forth herein.

**ANSWER:** Defendant City adopts and restates its answers and responses to paragraphs 1 through 21 as and for its answer and response to paragraph 28 as though fully set forth herein.

29. The DEFENDANT OFFICERS alleged that PLAINTIFF violated the laws of the State of Illinois. These allegations commenced or continued a criminal proceeding against PLAINTIFF.

**ANSWER:** Defendant City admits plaintiff was arrested and charged with violations of the laws of the State of Illinois. Defendant City further admits criminal proceedings were commenced against plaintiff. Defendant City denies any remaining allegations contained in paragraph 29 inconsistent with the foregoing.

30. The DEFENDANT OFFICERS engaged in this effort without probable cause.

**ANSWER:** Defendant City denies the allegations contained in paragraph 30.

31. The underlying criminal charges were ultimately resolved in favor of PLAINTIFF.

**ANSWER:** Defendant City lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in paragraph 31.

32. The underlying criminal charges were resolved in a manner indicative of innocence.

**ANSWER:** Defendant City lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in paragraph 32.

33. The aforementioned actions were the direct and proximate cause of the violations of Illinois State Law, as set forth above.

**ANSWER:** Defendant City denies Officers Carroll and/or McDermott violated Illinois state law as alleged, and it therefore denies the allegations of paragraph 33.

**COUNT IV**  
**§1983 Conspiracy Claim**

The City of Chicago is not a party defendant from which plaintiff seeks relief in count IV. The City therefore does not answer or respond to the allegations in this count except to the extent plaintiff re-alleges and incorporates certain paragraphs in later counts against the City.

34. PLAINTIFF re-alleges paragraphs 1 - 21 as though fully set forth herein.

**ANSWER:** Defendant City adopts and restates its answers and responses to paragraphs 1 through 21 as and for its answer and response to paragraph 34 as though fully set forth herein.

35. The aforementioned actions of the DEFENDANT OFFICERS were the direct and proximate cause of the violations of the United States Constitution, *inter alia* the Fourth Amendment and Fourteenth Amendment.

**ANSWER:** Defendant City denies the allegations contained in paragraph 35.

**COUNT V**  
**Conspiracy Claim - State Law**

The City of Chicago is not a party defendant from which plaintiff seeks relief in count V. The City therefore does not answer or respond to the allegations in this count except to the extent plaintiff re-alleges and incorporates certain paragraphs in later counts against the City.

36. PLAINTIFF re-alleges paragraphs 1 - 21 as though fully set forth herein.

**ANSWER:** Defendant City adopts and restates its answers and responses to paragraphs 1 through 21 as and for its answer and response to paragraph 36 as though fully set forth herein.

37. The aforementioned actions were the direct and proximate cause of the violations of the Constitution of the State of Illinois and Illinois law.

**ANSWER:** Defendant City denies the allegations contained in paragraph 37.

**COUNT VI**  
**§1983 Equal Protection - Class of One**

The City of Chicago is not a party defendant from which plaintiff seeks relief in count VI. The City therefore does not answer or respond to the allegations in this count except to the extent plaintiff re-alleges and incorporates certain paragraphs in later counts against the City.

38. PLAINTIFF re-alleges paragraphs 1 - 21 as though fully set forth herein.

**ANSWER:** Defendant City adopts and restates its answers and responses to paragraphs 1 through 21 as and for its answer and response to paragraph 38 as though fully set forth herein.

39. The actions of the DEFENDANT OFFICERS violated the Equal Protection clause to the United States Constitution.

**ANSWER:** Defendant City denies the allegations contained in paragraph 39.

40. The aforementioned actions of said DEFENDANT OFFICERS were the direct and proximate cause of the constitutional violations set forth above.

**ANSWER:** Defendant City denies the allegations contained in paragraph 40.

**COUNT VII - *Monell***

41. PLAINTIFF re-alleges paragraphs 1 - 21 as though fully set forth herein.

**ANSWER:** Defendant City adopts and restates its answers and responses to paragraphs 1 through 21 as and for its answer and response to paragraph 41 as though fully set forth herein.

42. As a direct and proximate result of the aforementioned acts and omissions by Defendant CITY OF CHICAGO there existed a custom, practice, policy, and/or pattern, either implicit or explicit, of the CITY OF CHICAGO in which officers were not held accountable for their wrongful and/or illegal acts.

**ANSWER:** Defendant City denies the allegations contained in paragraph 42.

43. Said custom, practice, policy, and/or pattern of the CITY OF CHICAGO encouraged, endorsed, created willful ignorance of, or otherwise promoted said wrongful acts of the OFFICERS.

**ANSWER:** Defendant City denies the allegations contained in paragraph 43.

44. As a direct and proximate result of said custom, practice, policy, and/or pattern, either implicit or explicit, of the CITY OF CHICAGO, PLAINTIFF was injured in a personal and pecuniary manner.

**ANSWER:** Defendant City denies the allegations contained in paragraph 44.

WHEREFORE, defendant, City of Chicago, denies that plaintiff is entitled to any judgment whatsoever as against it, and it requests that this Court enter judgment in its favor and against plaintiff on count VII, and for its costs and fees, and for such further relief as this Court deems just.

**COUNT VIII**  
**745 ILCS 10/9-102 Claim Against the CITY OF CHICAGO**

45. PLAINTIFF re-alleges paragraphs 1 - 21 as though fully set forth herein.

**ANSWER:** Defendant City adopts and restates its answers and responses to paragraphs 1 through 21 as and for its answer and response to paragraph 45 as though fully set forth herein.

46. Defendant CITY OF CHICAGO is the employer of the DEFENDANT OFFICERS alleged above.

**ANSWER:** Defendant City admits defendant Officers Carroll and McDermott were employees of the Chicago Police Department on November 2, 2006.

47. The DEFENDANT OFFICERS, as alleged above, committed the acts under color of law and in the scope of employment of the CITY OF CHICAGO.

**ANSWER:** Defendant City denies the allegations of misconduct asserted against Officers Carroll and McDermott in the complaint, which is the underlying premise of this paragraph, and it therefore denies the allegations in paragraph 47.

WHEREFORE, defendant, City of Chicago, denies that plaintiff is entitled to any judgment whatsoever as against it, and it requests that this Court enter judgment in its favor and against plaintiff on count VIII, and for its costs and fees, and for such further relief as this Court deems just.

**COUNT IX**  
**Supplementary Claim for *Respondeat Superior***

48. PLAINTIFF re-alleges paragraphs 1 - 21 as though fully set forth herein.

**ANSWER:** Defendant City adopts and restates its answers and responses to paragraphs 1 through 21 as and for its answer and response to paragraph 48 as though fully set forth herein.

49. The aforesaid acts of the DEFENDANT OFFICERS were in the scope of employment and therefore the Defendant CITY OF CHICAGO, as principal, is liable for the actions of its agent(s) under the doctrine of *respondeat superior*.

**ANSWER:** Defendant City denies the allegations of misconduct asserted against Officers Carroll and McDermott in the complaint, which is the underlying premise of this paragraph, and it therefore denies the allegations in paragraph 49.

WHEREFORE, defendant, City of Chicago, denies that plaintiff is entitled to any judgment whatsoever as against it, and it requests that this Court enter judgment in its favor and

against plaintiff on count IX, and for its costs and fees, and for such further relief as this Court deems just.

**Jury Demand**

50. Plaintiff demands trial by jury.

**ANSWER:** Defendant City admits plaintiff's complaint includes a jury demand. Defendant City denies any liability to plaintiff for any of the claims asserted in the complaint.

**AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES**

Defendant, City of Chicago, without prejudice to its denials and all other statements in its answer and elsewhere, for its affirmative defenses to plaintiff's complaint, states:

1. To the extent any individual employees of the City of Chicago or its police department are not liable as alleged in the complaint, the City would not be liable.

2. Defendant City is not liable for the claims alleged under state law because a public employee is not liable for his or her acts or omissions in the execution or enforcement of any law unless such acts or omissions constitute willful and wanton conduct. 745 ILCS 10/2-202.

3. Under the Illinois Tort Immunity Act, defendants are not liable under state law for any injury caused by the act or omission of another person. 745 ILCS 10/2-204.

4. Plaintiff's federal claims in the complaint are barred by the applicable statutes of limitations.

5. Plaintiff's state law claims in the complaint are barred by the applicable statute of limitations. *Day v. Conwell*, 244 F.Supp.2d 961, 964 (N.D. Ill. 2003) (One year limitations period found in the Illinois Tort Immunity Act, 745 ILCS 10/8-101, applies to state law claims). Plaintiff's claims are based on alleged police officer misconduct that occurred on November 2,

2006. Plaintiff's claims accrued on that date. *Gonzalez v. Entress*, 133 F.3d 551, 553 (7<sup>th</sup> Cir. 1998). Under the one year limitations period, plaintiff's state law claims should have been filed on or before November 2, 2007. However, the complaint was not filed until May 7, 2008 (Dkt. #1), more than six months after the expiration of the applicable statute of limitations.

6. Plaintiff's claims in the complaint are barred by the doctrines of *res judicata* and collateral estoppel.

7. The City of Chicago is immune from the imposition of punitive damages under both state and federal law. Moreover, under Illinois law, the City cannot be required to indemnify an employee for punitive damages, nor may it pay a judgment for punitive damages on behalf of an employee.

8. As to plaintiff's state law claims, Defendant City is not liable to pay attorney fees as "the law in Illinois clearly is that absent a statute or contractual agreement 'attorney fees and the ordinary expenses and burdens of litigation are not allowable to the successful party.'" See *Kerns v. Engelke*, 76 Ill. 2d 154, 166 (1979).

9. To the extent any injuries or damages claimed by plaintiff were proximately caused, in whole or in part, by negligent, willful, wanton and/or other wrongful conduct on the part of plaintiff as reflected in the public record, including but not limited to police reports and court documents, any verdict or judgment obtained by plaintiff must be reduced by an amount commensurate with the degree of fault attributed to plaintiff by the jury in this case.

10. To the extent plaintiff failed to mitigate any of his claimed injuries or damages, any verdict or judgment obtained by plaintiff must be reduced by application of the principle that a plaintiff has a duty to mitigate his or her damages.

**JURY DEMAND**

Defendant City of Chicago respectfully requests a trial by jury.

Dated: August 8, 2008

Respectfully submitted,

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on August 8, 2008, I electronically filed the foregoing **Defendant City of Chicago's Answer to Plaintiff's Complaint** with the Clerk of the Court using the ECF system, which sent electronic notification of the filing on the same day to:

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